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1. SECRETARY'S TRIP. PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT STRAIGHT TASS ITEM FROM TOKYO ON SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MIKI, QUOTING AMEMBASSY REP THAT "IN PARTICULAR" COORDINATION FROR NOVEMBER ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL SUMMIT WAS DISCUSSED; ALSO NOTES SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR HOME.

2. U.S.-SOVIET. IZVESTIYA OCTOBER TWENTY-FOUR CARRIES KOBYSH REPORT ON RECENT MEETING WITH SENATOR KENNEDY TOUCHING ON MANY TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST. QUOTES KENNEDY-MONDALE-MATTHIAS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VLADIVOSTOK AND KENNEDY SENNATE STATEMENT THAT AGREEMENT "SHOULD BE NOT END BUT BEGINNING OF ROAD TO END ARMS RACD." KENNEDY EMPHASIZED GOOD IMPRESSIONS DURING LAST YEAR'S SOVIET TRIP, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH MOSCOW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND USA INSTITUTE SPECIALISTS, BUT ESPECIALLY "FOUR-HOUR" MEETING WITH BREZHNEV NOT ONLY ON MUTUAL RELATIONS BUT "ON PROBLEMS OF A PHILOSOPHICAL CHARACTER;" KENNEDY STRESSED "GENERAL SECRETARY'S DEVOTION TO IDEAS OF PEACE, DETENTE, HIS SINCERE DESIRE THAT OUR COUNTRIES BE LINKED BY RELATIONS OF CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION." ASKED ABOUT OBSTACLES TO DETENTE, KENNEDY NAMED ARMS RACE FIRST, SAID ONLY "ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" COULD GET US OUT OF IT, AS HE AND BREZHNEV HAD DISCUSSED. ASKED ABOUT STATEMENTS ON LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR AND FIRST STRIKE POSSIBILITIES HEARD IN U.S., AND SCHLESINGER STATEMENTS ON BUILDING BOMB SHELTERS, KENNEDY ALLEGEDLY AGREED SUCH STATEMENTS DANGEROUS, RECALLED THAT "BEHIND SCHLESINGER STAND CERTAIN CIRCLES AND THERE IS NO BASIS NOT TO TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY," BUT STRESSED MANY OF DEFMIN'S STATEMENTS
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"EXCLUSIVELY FOR INTERNAL USE AND CONNECTED OFTEN WITH (GOAL) OF DRIVING UP THE MILITARY BUDGET." ASKED ABOUT CHARGES IN U.S. THAT DETENTE BENEFITS ONLY USSR, WHICH LEAD TO "OPEN INTERFERENCE IN PURELY INTERNAL MATTERS OF OUR COUNTRY," KENNEDY SAID "PARTICULARITY" OF U.S., WITH ITS MANY LOBBYISTS AND GROUPS, HAD TO BE REMEMBERED. ASKED WHETHER USSR SHOULD FOR INSTANCE DEMAND SCHOOL DESEGREGATION BEFORE SIGNING AGREEMENTS, KENNEDY ALLEGEDLY SAID KOBYSK OF COURSE "WAS RIGHT-, BUT THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE AS SUCH

DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN "YOUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS." ACCORDING KOBYSH, KENNEDY CONCLUDED THAT "KEY" TO DETENTE IS SALT TALKS -- "VERY MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW AND WHEN THEY WILL END"-- AND, RE CSCE, THAT "MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW THE SOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HELSINKI, WHICH WE ARE EXAMINING IN CONTEXT WITH OTHER AGREEMENTS, WILL BE FULFILLED."

3. MBFR. ALL CENTRAL PAPERS CARRY TASS REPORT FROM BUDAPEST ON OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON HUWP PLENUM WHICH INCLUDES: "(HUNGARY) PAYS GREAT ATTENTION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITATION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE GOING ON IN VIENNA. (HUNGARY) EMPHASIZES THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AT THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS, EXCLUDING ONE-SIDED MILITARY ADVANTAGES AND GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF ALL INTERESTED STATES." SOVIET-HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING LAZAR VISIT DOES NOT MENTION MBFR DIRECTLY.

4. SIXTH FLEET. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIES STRAIGHT BUT SHORT-ENED ARTICLE FROM ITALIAN MAGAZINE TEMPO ON SIXTH FLEET AS FORCE FOR BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN BASIN.

5. MIDDLE EAST. AUTHORITATIVE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE IN PRAVDA (SEPTEL) REBUTS EGYPTIAN CHARGES ON SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND GIVES THOROUGH VENTILATION TO SOVIET LINE ON SINAI II AND NEXT STEPS. THREE PRINCIPLES FOR SETTLEMENT READ: "FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY THEM IN 1967... SATISFACTION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING ITS RIGHT TO CREATION OF ITS OWN STATE...SECURING THE AUTONOMOUS, INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST." "FOR ACHIEVING SETTLEMENT ON THIS BASIS THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM, THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE

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EAST. IN THAT FORUM ALL ASPECTS OF THE SETTLEMENT CAN BE CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED, AND ALL SIDES IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PLO AND ALSO THE USSR AND THE USA AS CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMAN, SHOULD BE INVOLVED. THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT REJECT THE POSSIBILITY OF REALIZING ONE OR ANOTHER PARTIAL, INTERMEDIATE (PROMENZHUTOCHNIYE) MEASURES. BUT SUCH MEASURES SHOULD BE CONSTITUENT, ORGANIC PARTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, THEY SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AND ADOPTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH ITS FULL COMPOSITION. THE USSR OPPOSES USE OF THIS MECHANISM MERELY AS AN UMBRELLA TO APPROVE STEPS UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE. IN THIS LIES THE PRINCIPLED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THOSE WHO UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A 'STEP-BY-STEP' POLICY IN FACT LEAD MATTERS TOWARD FREEZING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TOWARD PERPETUATION OF ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS."

6. OMAN. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIES ADEN TASS REPORT OF NFLO PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILING CHARGES OF FOREIGN AND ESPECIALLY IRANIAN INTERFERENCE IN DHOFAR CONFLICT.

7. SOVIET-THAI RELATIONS. IZVESTIYA REPORTS PRESENCE IN MOSCOW OF BANGKOK MUNICIPALITY DELEGATION HEADED BY BANGKOK CITY GOVERNOR DUMNUM TIENNGEN (PHON) AND OCT 23 MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN OF MOSCOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE V.F. PROMYSLOV, TO FAMILIARIZE ITSELF WITH MOSCOW MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

8. SOVIET-MALAGASY RELATIONS. IZVESTIYA REPORTS DEPARTURE FOR TANANARIVE OCTOBER 24 OF SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER A.N. MANZHULO "TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE-ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC."
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